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Docket No.: 61352-068

## REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

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Prior Application: International Application No. PCT/jp03/07896  
Art Unit: (Unassigned)  
Examiner: (Unassigned)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled SWITCHING DEVICE, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior International Application No. PCT/JP03/07896, filed on June 20, 2003, entitled SWITCHING DEVICE, by the following named inventor(s):

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- I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
- Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

2a.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

- Cancel claims

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	24	-20	4	\$18.00 =	\$72.00
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
			Basic Application Fee		\$770.00
			If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00		\$0.00
			Total Application Fee		\$842.00
			Subtract ½ if small entity		\$0.00
			Assignment & Transmittal Fee		\$40.00
			<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>		<b>\$882.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417</b>					<b>\$882.00</b>

4a.  Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

4b.  A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

5.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500417.

6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

7.  Priority of Japanese Application Serial Nos. 2002-180124, 2002-208598 filed on June 20, 2002, July 17, 2002 respectively, in Japan and International Application No. PCT/JP03/07896 filed June 20, 2003 designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365. Certified copies of the Japanese priority documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the published International Application ( ).

8.  The prior application is assigned of record to :

**Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.  
Osaka, JAPAN**

9.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

**ARCO PATENT OFFICE,  
Kobe, JAPAN**

10.  Also enclosed:

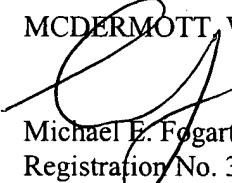
1. Form PCT/IB/301,304

11.  A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

12.  Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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